

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 865

Introduced by Assembly Member Price

February 26, 2009

An act to add Section 8588.8 to the Government Code, relating to emergencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 865, as introduced, Price. Emergencies: communication.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, requires the California Emergency Management Agency to coordinate the emergency services of all state agencies in connection with emergencies, and to establish a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies.

This bill would require the agency, in cooperation with the office of the State Chief Information Officer, to develop and operate a full-time wireless communications system providing the public with emergency information that is accessible by cellular telephone, text pager, or computer.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8588.8 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 8588.8. The California Emergency Management Agency, in
- 4 cooperation with the office of the State Chief Information Officer,
- 5 shall develop and operate a full-time wireless communications

- 1 system to provide the public with emergency information that is
- 2 accessible by cellular telephone, text pager, or computer.

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